

NOTICE OF MULTI-DAY DESIGN CHARRETTE FOR E. JOHN STREET/OLD MONROE ROAD (STATE ROAD 1009) IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH MATTHEWS, STALLINGS, AND INDIAN TRAIL

TIP Project No. U-4714

Mecklenburg & Union Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation proposes to make improvements to approximately 6.5 miles of East John Street-Old Monroe Road (S.R. 1009) from Trade Street (S.R. 3448-S.R. 3474) in the Town of Matthews (Mecklenburg County) to Wesley Chapel-Stouts Road (S.R. 1377) in the Town of Indian Trail (Union County). The project includes plans to widen the existing two-lane roadway to a multi-lane facility with accommodations for pedestrians and bicycles.

Due to the desire of each Town for a “Complete Street” for E. John Street/Old Monroe Road, the NCDOT is hosting a three-day project design charrette. A design charrette is a special and focused interactive meeting. The charrette will bring together a diverse group of people to help identify solutions for planning and design of the project. The charrette schedule accommodates a wide variety of schedules, and the public is welcome to drop in any time (9am-8pm) during the three-day period.

NCDOT will hold all events for the above mentioned project from **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** at the **South Piedmont Community College Monroe Campus – Salon A**, located at **4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe**.

**Opening Presentation/Hands-on Work Session** (Tuesday, August 27, 6 - 8 p.m.)

The opening presentation will officially kick off the Project Charrette. NCDOT and Consultant staff will present an overview of the project. This will be followed by a hands-on workshop, where the public will work in small groups to identify and discuss areas of interest or “hot spots” along the corridor.

**Topic Group Meetings** (Times listed below)

Small-group, topic-oriented meetings will be held to identify specific issues or opportunities important to the transportation project development process. A facilitator will lead each meeting with help from project team members. Information and ideas generated from each topic meeting will be used to inform the development of specific improvement alternatives for the roadway.

1. Corridor Aesthetics – August 27, 1 - 2 p.m.
2. Business/Landowner Concerns – August 27, 2:30 - 4 p.m.
3. Location of Improvements – August 28, 9 -10 a.m.
4. Typical Sections (What will the road look like?) – August 28, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
5. Access Management – August 28, 1 - 2 p.m.
6. Community/Neighborhood Concerns – August 28, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
7. Local Government Roundtable – August 29, 9 -10 a.m.

**Public Pin-up Review** (Wednesday, August 28, 7 - 8 p.m.)

A pin-up event will provide an opportunity for the project team to share ideas and concepts generated from the hands-on workshop from night one, and the topic-oriented meetings. Maps, diagrams, and various concepts will be presented to the public and stakeholders for their feedback.

**Closing Presentation** (Thursday, August 29, 6 - 8 p.m.)

The project team will lead a closing presentation summarizing the days’ activities, recommendations, and concepts for moving forward with a common vision for E. John Street/Old Monroe Road. The closing presentation will also explain the next steps in the project development process. The event will include an opportunity for public comment and input received during the charrette will influence which conceptual alternatives are moved forward into more detailed (preliminary) design and analysis in the roadway environmental study.

For additional information contact NCDOT consultant, Kim Bereis, with Atkins Global, by phone at (704) 665-4404, or via email at [kimberly.bereis@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:kimberly.bereis@atkinsglobal.com). Citizens may also contact Elmo Vance, Project

Manager, NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit, by phone: (919) 707-6048 or by email: [eevance@ncdot.gov](mailto:eevance@ncdot.gov).

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Bereis as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the hearing by calling 1-800-481-6494.